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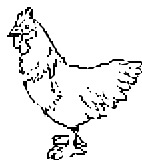
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in the West, steady to fully steady in the Midwest, fully steady to firm in the East. Demand into all areas was light to fair, instances moderate where features and fast food promotions were active. Supplies of lighter weights were balanced to tight, heavier sizes were adequate or available. Transportation problems were still being reported in various areas due to truck shortages. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair with regular commitments usually sufficient. Breast items were mostly adequate, short for bone-in breasts, and all other items were easily obtainable with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

The 12-CITY Weighted Average Price for 05/28/02 was 58.47, compared to 56.77 last week, and 59.47 a year ago.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 63.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.50 cents last year on May 30, 2001.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	176.50
BREASTS - B/S	153.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	59.00

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SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand was fair to moderate with ads and promotions aiding interest. Supplies of smaller sizes were balanced to tight, heavier weights sufficient. In the parts structure, breast items were mixed, best for bone-in, but fronts in the longest position with limited interest. Wings continued at least adequate, and dark meat was available and somewhat unsettled due to export issues. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of the 2.5 to 3 pound birds were no more than adequate to tight at times, and the larger sizes ranged adequate to balanced. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were tight, however, boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were ample.

MIDWEST The trade sentiment on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady, instances fully steady. Offerings were sufficient for immediate trade needs with smaller sized Wogs and whole fryers in close balance. Ohio reported continued minor disruptions due to transportation issues. Movement into all channels was light to fair for the most part with an occasional fairly good demand noted. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in desirable range. Trading on parts was of a light and spotty nature. The majority of players satisfied through current commitments and await further market developments. Supplies of split breasts were tight, boneless/skinless breasts adequate and remaining items were fully sufficient. The market tone was steady to instances firm on whole breasts and mostly steady on the balance of items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings in fair balance on weights under 3.5 pounds with heavier product fully adequate for current needs. Buying interest was fair. Retail demand was moderate to good where features in progress. Floor stocks adequate overall. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with breasts in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 05/25/02	2002	2001	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,463	211,382	+01
CHICKS PLACED	171,406	168,596	+02

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 25, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 25, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 25, 2002 were 3.56 billion.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 6-Jul-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 166.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.12 CENTS PER POUND.

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	876	140.00-226.00	143-150	148.91
TENDERLOINS	141	110.00-195.00	-	132.67
BREAST - LINE RUN	101	83.00-89.00	84-86	85.20
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	27.00-37.00	27-28	27.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	421	14.50-19.00	16-17	16.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,250	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	50.00-61.00	-	58.91
WINGS (CUT)	407	64.00-77.00	65-66	66.78
DRUMSTICKS	67	37.00-42.00	-	37.52
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 29, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
	38.75 - 44.00	41.15	41.69

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity- type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light to fair and generally typical of midweek trading as buyers adopted a cautious and selective posture. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient, however, bone-in breasts ranged balanced to instances tight. Wings were readily available. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, in addition, dealers were only noting a limited air of guarded optimism approaching the first of the month weekend. The market tone was steady to fully steady on bone-in breasts, about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	<u>CURRENT NEG TRADING*</u>	<u>WTD AVG**</u>	<u>VOL/LBS</u>
BREAST - B/S	150-155	150.14	514,580
TENDERLOINS	105-110	106.59	202,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	87.96	171,360
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	85.88	163,720
LEGS	32-33	35.77	179,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.01	685,480
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	34.46	183,310
THIGHS	26-27	31.19	120,700
B/S THIGHS	76-77	76.73	119,260
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	58.76	537,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	46,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	15-20	15.79	38,630
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	30-35	38.99	32,220

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u>
			<u>WTS</u>			<u>WTS</u>		
	05/29	05/28	05/27	05/24	05/27	05/24	05/22	05/20
ALA	4,068	4,073	(A)	4,286	(A)	4.90	3,941	5.17
ARK	5,491	5,476	(A)	5,576	(A)	4.63	5,291	5.02
DELMARVA	2,364	2,350	(A)	2,959	(A)	5.11	2,381	5.19
KY-LA-TN	2,063	2,034	(A)	2,084	(A)	4.62	2,046	4.68
MISS	2,871	2,875	(A)	2,850	(A)	5.26	2,826	5.32
NC	2,653	2,632	(A)	2,906	(A)	5.86	2,654	6.06
TEXAS	2,461	2,457	2,421	2,387	5.11	4.91	2,468	5.00
TOTAL	21,971	21,897	11,664	23,048	4.78	5.00	21,607	5.20
MON-WED	52,544 (B)					64,993 (B)		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-May 02 and is estimated to be 32,871,000 up 1.38 percent from a week ago and up 6.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,423,000; last year 30,946,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	96-103
	ICE PACK	94-95
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	113
	ICE PACK	104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	94-98
DUCKS		152-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-JUNE-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/01/02 (1)	05/25/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	147,618 (2)	166,167
LT HENS	1,682	2,002
HVY HENS	1,401	1,467
CHECK TOTAL	150,701	169,636

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Jun-02 is 158.6 million head compared to 144.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.9 million head or 10.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 08-Jun-02 the estimated available is 159.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 27-May-02	197,781	75,061
AM 1-May-02	151,242	71,915
CHG	46,539	3,146
PCT CHG	31	4

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/28/02	05/20/02	05/28/01	05/28/02	05/20/02	05/28/01
PACIFIC COAST	20,000	19,839	22,992	4,342	4,147	5,156
LOS ANGELES	341	346	1,640	2,808	2,606	2,547

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 27, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	FOR 5/28/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.45	.75	.63
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.25	.30	.27
MIXED FOWL lb.	.55	1.05	.85
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.60	.52
ROASTERS lb.	-	.40	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.95	1.49
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.40	2.15	1.60
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.40	.85
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 150

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending MAY 24, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/
	Chickens	Breasts	W/ Thighs	& Wings
	Gizzards	Hens		
RAYON				
Low	59.88	133.06	76.03	19.01
High	64.63	142.57	85.54	23.76
Mostly	62.73	133.06	85.54	23.76

SAN JUAN

Low	59.88	133.06	90.29	33.27	16.63	51.32
High	63.68	152.07	104.55	42.77	21.38	51.32
Mostly	61.78	147.32	99.80	38.02	19.01	51.32

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	59.88	133.06	76.03	19.01	19.01	52.27
High	64.15	142.57	85.54	28.51	23.76	52.27
Mostly	62.25	133.06	85.54	23.76	23.76	52.27

BECERRA

Low	61.30	142.57	95.04	33.27	19.01	54.65
High	65.58	156.82	109.30	42.77	23.76	54.65
Mostly	64.15	152.07	104.55	38.02	21.38	54.65

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fairly good for prompt shipment as buyers continued to refill pipelines. Offerings differed by both size and volume and were in generally good balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were irregular in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate from several shippers. Other cuts were generally adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	54-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.21
NO. OF BOXES	10,652

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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